

Serial No.: 10/601,290Atty Docket No.: 10196-00308**AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

Claims 1-63 (canceled)

Claim 64 (original): A computer readable media encoding instructions for detecting substantially all partial or total inconsistencies or redundancies within an access control list, said media including instructions for:

- (a) accessing one or more access control list rules;
- (b) accessing at least one permission flag for each rule;
- (c) modeling each rule geometrically in accordance with an associated permission flag;
- (d) detecting an area of intersection of one or more geometric models of the access control list rules; and
- (e) generating an output based on the intersection of one or more geometric models.

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Claim 65 (original): The media of claim 64, further including an instruction for tagging each permission flag as either permit or deny.

Claim 66 (original): The media of claim 64, further including an instruction for multi-dimensional modeling of each geometric figure in the modeling step.

Claim 67 (original): The media of claim 64, further including an instruction for employing at least one of a circle, rectangle and solid as a geometric figure in the modeling step.

Claim 68 (original): The media of claim 64, further including an instruction of incorporating a status of said permission flag in the modeling step.

Claim 69 (original): The media of claim 64, having said output comprise pass or fail.

Claim 70 (original): The media of claim 64, wherein a pass output result is indicative of substantially no intersecting figures.

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Claim 71 (original): The media of claim 64, wherein a fail output result is indicative of an existence of substantially all partial or total ACL redundancies or inconsistencies.

Claim 72 (original): The media of claim 64, having said output comprise optimization of an ACL.

Claims 73-79 (canceled)